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The Honorable Tom Harkin
Chairman
Committee on Health, Education, Labor
and Pensions
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Fred Upton Chairman Committee on Energy and Commerce U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Lamar Alexander
Ranking Member
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The Honorable Henry Waxman Ranking Member Committee on Energy and Commerce U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Harkin, Ranking Member Alexander, Chairman Upton, and Ranking Member Waxman:

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the world's largest business federation representing the interests of more than three million businesses and organizations of all sizes, sectors, and regions, as well as state and local chambers and industry associations, and dedicated to promoting, protecting and defending America's free enterprise system, thanks you for your leadership in crafting H.R. 3204, the "Drug Quality and Security Act," which would institute a federal prescription drug track and trace system, and which may be voted on in the coming days.

The Chamber believes efforts to bolster oversight of compounding pharmacies and institute a federal prescription drug track and trace system are vital to protecting Americans against counterfeit drugs. This bill would help alleviate confusion and reduce costs for businesses in the pharmaceutical sector, as well as improve the safety of patients generally.

The Chamber applauds your bipartisan efforts and appreciates your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

R. Bruce Josten